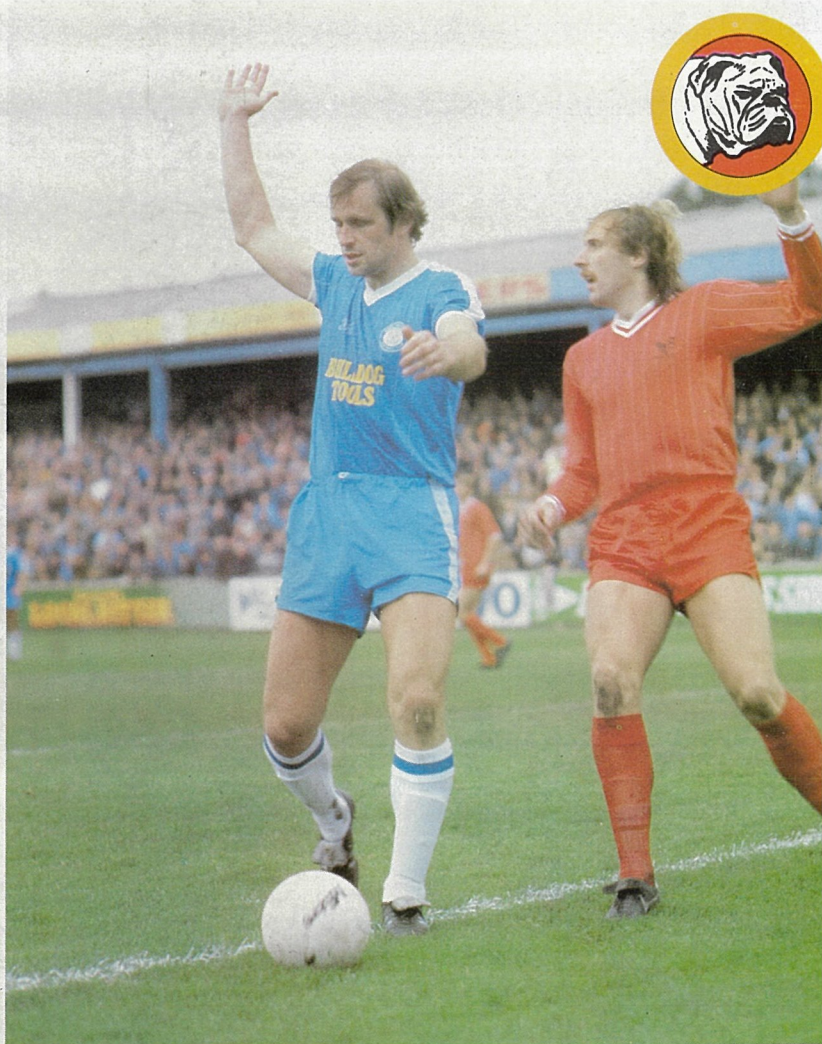


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wonder if my magic moments are the same as yours. The first was at Crewe in January when, watched by a tremendous crowd who had travelled by the M6, we went to the top of the Fourth Division on the fiftieth anniversary of the Club's formation. Then there was the game at Peterborough when a fine performance by the lads made promotion a virtual certainty. But perhaps the most marvellous day of the lot was when at Springfield Park on a bright and sunny day, we clinched promotion with an Eamon's O'Keefe hat-trick against Mansfield. I said on T.V. and I repeat it now, that was the best day of my football career — the night was pretty good, as well, and I was pleased to celebrate in one or two hostelryes in Wigan. This season, probably the most outstanding memory was when we played one of the biggest clubs in the country, Manchester City, in the Milk Cup. But maybe top class performances against Plymouth, Southend and Sheffield United will be remembered longer.

Anyway, let's hope 1983 will give us as many happy memories.

Good luck to you all.

HELLO again and, for the last time in 1982, welcome to Springfield Park for our match against Walsall. I hope you have all recovered from your Christmas celebrations and that you are all having a little rest before resuming the party on Friday night.

Our recent performance against Oxford United certainly showed what a hard life it is in the Third Division. You have to be on top form in every game to get anywhere and any below-par performances will be punished. Our list of injuries has now happily dwindled and we should be entering 1983 with a fully fit squad. There is still over half a season to go and we are still not out of the race for promotion. If we can put together half a dozen good performances we will be up there with the rest of them.

Looking back over the last twelve months, there were many memorable times, but I

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

TRUST Brentford to throw a spanner in the works!

Their home defeat by Swindon in the FA Cup replay last week means Latics have to travel to Essex on January 8 for a League game instead of their re-arranged trip to Portsmouth.

Portsmouth will now have to be visited on Tuesday, March 1, the date of the original fixture.

Sheffield United's demolition of Boston at Bramhall Lane set them up for a home tie with Stoke and gave Alan Young the chance of a strange treble.

Young scored a hat-trick in his side's 5-1 win and then said: "I have already been on the winning side against Stoke in the Cup with two other sides, Oldham and Leicester. It will be nice to complete a hat-trick.

Tranmere seem to be going from strength to strength. After doubts about whether or not they would even live to play in the Second-Round of the FA Cup

they disposed of non-League Telford last week to let themselves up for a home tie with Wolves on January 8.

It's a funny thing that club's who declare that they may be forced out of existence, suddenly pull themselves together and enjoy improved fortunes both on and off the pitch (Bristol City excluded).

There are strange happenings at Bournemouth.

Manager David Webb has been sacked after apparently wanting to buy out the club!

Former speedway-star Barry Briggs put in an offer to buy the majority shareholding at Dean Court, but apparently was only front man for David Webb.

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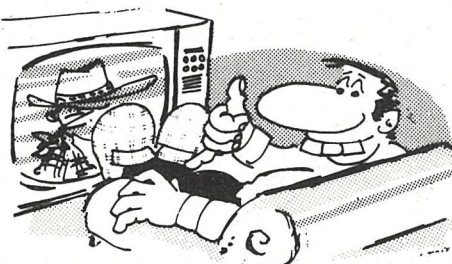
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Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Monday, 3rd January, 1983

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- HUDDERSFIELD T.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Saturday, 8th January, 1983

BRENTFORD -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

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FILE**

THEY SAY that groundsmen are always unhappy because nobody tells them anything, such as when the next match is, but a few weeks ago at a nearby Rugby League ground, the groundsmen was justified in his complaint. The ground (and I would point out that it was not Central Park) is always subject to vandalism and the groundman's life has been made rather a misery of late by malicious damage done to the pitch. Imagine his horror, then, one morning when he was spiking the pitch and found what he thought were cinders on the centre spot. Livid at what he thought was this latest outrage, he got the offending black stuff on a shovel and marched with it into the Secretary's office. "Look what them hooligans have dumped on the centre spot", he moaned, "bloody cinders". "Bloody cinders?" exclaimed a horrified Secretary, "they're the ashes of one of our greatest supporters, placed there yesterday afternoon by the vicar!"

This is a true story and I would beg the forgiveness of anybody who is upset by talk of death and funerals, but it says so much for sports such as soccer and rugby league that supporters should want to have their ashes spread on the pitch after the departure to the Stadium in the Sky. I always remember the great Bill Shankley's comment when asked if he thought football in Liverpool was a matter of life or death and replied, "No, it's more important than that". Indeed, at Liverpool now they have had to stop the spreading of departed supporters ashes on the turf

because they were inundated with requests for the facility, although reports constantly came through of such spreadings on the Spion Kop on match-days.

It is perhaps fitting to write on this subject at this time of year because it gives me a chance to mention one of the Latics greatest supporters of all time, Mr. Jack James, who was Chairman of the Supporters' Club for twenty-two years. Still talked of with great affection by people at Springfield Park. His ashes were spread in the goal-mouth at the Springfield end in a very moving ceremony some years ago. This was before my time of course, but is often mentioned by my side-kick, Jack Farrimond. He reckons that Mr. James must have been confused as to where he was because for some time after, Latics had terrible luck when trying to score in that goal. But he seems to have got his bearings now and has been able to look down on many a good goal scored by his beloved Latics into the Springfield End.

And so, at this the end of one of Latics greatest years, it is nice to think of the Heaven Branch of the Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club who must have enjoyed the celebrations in May as much as we did.

Here's to a good 1983 — Cheers.

Colin Burke.



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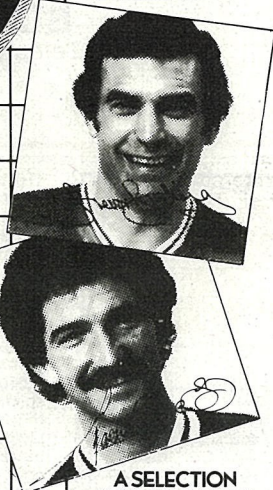
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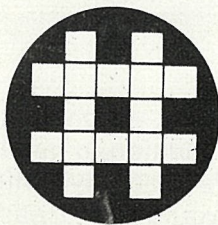
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 14

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go: Pele was "The Black ---"; Club involved in a row??; "Bomber"; Cochrane or Connor.

CLUB CLUE No. 14

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:

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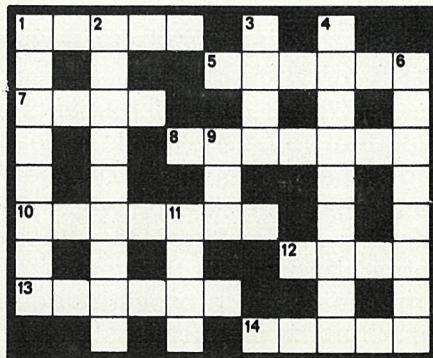
MIXED DOUBLES

Re-order the letters in each of the words **RANGER** and **SHRUB** to find the names of two men called Paul

QUICK QUIZ No. 14

1. In which countries could you watch Fussball, voetbal and fodbold?
2. Which country in the last World Cup finals fielded players belonging to a television channel?
3. In which season was two-up, two-down last used in the Football League?
4. Who says he's 'had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus'?
5. Who was the Manager of the Year for 1981/82?

Answers on page 12.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 14 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Former Celtic and Scotland star --- Johnstone had a few games with Sheffield United (5)
5. Keeper under manager Bobby Houghton at Malmo, Bristol City and Toronto (6)
7. See 3 down
8. This nickname makes them sound more like a snooker club than a soccer club! (7)
10. Tries to win the ball from the chap with it (7)
12. The need here is the fellow who defended White Hart Lane and St. Andrew's during the 1970s (4)
13. France had to borrow them from a local club to play Hungary in the 1978 World Cup Finals (6)
14. Striker (who sounds as if he had a pitch to himself!) who shared a ton of goals between Halifax, Barrow, Southport, Blackburn and Sheffield United (5)

DOWN

1. With Liam Brady's aid they were champions of Italy in 1981 and 1982 (8)
2. He succeeded Sir Harold Thompson as Chairman of the FA (9)
3. & 7ac. Club which sold two brothers to its neighbour, 8 across, this season (4,4)
4. The long-service FA Director of Coaching who lost his job when Bobby Robson took overall control of English football (5,4)
6. Produced an outcome (8)
9. Scotland's European championship group (3)
11. This sort of 10 across may not be timely enough! (4)



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

ASPULL have drawn an away tie at Longridge near Preston in the last sixteen of the Lancashire Football Association's Amateur Shield.

Although an away draw is not everyone's idea of good fortune it has prevented a great deal of trouble for the Aspull team. This is because the match is scheduled to be played on New Year's Day, and on that day Wigan Council employees are still on their seasonal holidays and all the local pitches will be out of operation.

Had they been drawn at home Aspull would have faced a difficult task in getting the tie moved to another date with the current demand on Wigan's insufficient pitches, and they would also have had to reshuffle their own fixtures. So although it is an away game at least those substantial problems have been avoided . . . unless all the Longridge pitches happen to be closed on that day as well!

Any further shuffling of fixtures would be most unwelcome at the moment in the local soccer world. Winter weather has already begun to have its accustomed, but still unwelcome effect, and at least one week's fixtures have been almost totally lost through torrential rain and the elements in general.

The problems are not only the result of postponed matches either, since even if

games are played, the pitches are continually cutting up, making good play impossible and only making the situation worse for the next time they are used. But, as always, the Wigan amateur sides will no doubt struggle on as best they can until someone up there blows the final whistle on the bad weather.

One team which can always find something to do if a match is rained off is the JT & MK United Football Club — who can always sit on the sidelines and read their club magazine!

The club, despite having a name which would be a commentator's nightmare, is obviously well-organised and the magazine must be a real boost to the spirit of the youngsters who play.

The monthly magazine includes a column by manager Dennis Turner, and his regular signing-off phrase is "You don't know you're born!" There was never a truer word spoken because the lads have recently acquired two new kits, donated by President Mr. J. Kay, as well as new tracksuits, new matchballs, and their own pitch at Marus Bridge Middle School. The magazine also includes match reports, general news items and a player profile — no wonder they insist that they are one of the luckiest junior soccer teams in Lancashire!

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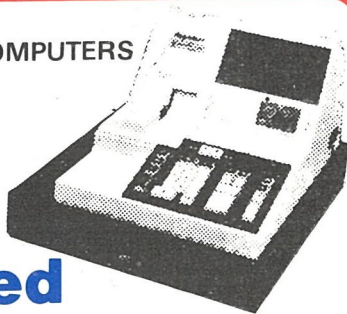
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Solutions to Puzzle Page

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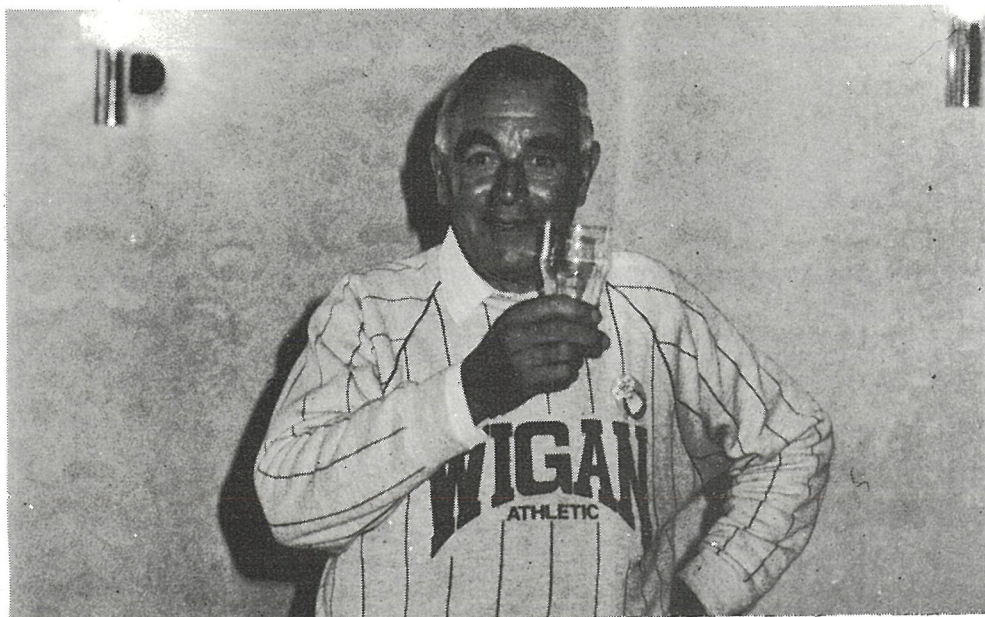
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What the papers say...

News of the World

WIGAN'S DAY OF DESPAIR

Wigan were stopped in their tracks in the Springfield Park mud by a classy performance from Oxford United.

Jim Smith's side were always on top with the experienced trio of Mick Vinter, Trevor Hebbard and Peter Foley too hot to handle.

Oxford's more direct approach made the most of the slippery conditions, while Wigan, despite having Eamon O'Keefe back after a two-month lay off through injury, got bogged down in midfield.

Wigan lacked ideas and determination and could only offer a brief fighting flourish near the end to excite the crowd of 4,008—their lowest League gate of the season.

BRILLIANT

With the best away record in the Third Division and 14 goals in

their previous three games, Oxford looked full of confidence and took the lead after 18 minutes.

Centre-back David Fogg pumped a long ball down the middle, Hebbard controlled it well inside the box and clipped it sideways to Peter Foley, who raced in to crack his shot into the corner of the net.

Kevin Brock put Vinter clear with a lob into the box and Tunks raced out to save with his legs. Minutes later he repeated the act, diving full length to brilliantly push out a shot from Vinter.

The Sunday Mirror

QUIET MAN EAMON

Wigan, even with Eamon O'Keefe restored to the attack after a two months' absence posed precious few problems for a strong Oxford defence.

On a tricky pitch United

sensibly opted for the direct route to goal, hitting quick, long balls to the front men.

That no-nonsense approach paid off with the 18th minute winner. Defender David Fogg booted up the middle and Trevor Hebbard's control in the area was impeccable as he flicked on superbly for Peter Foley to stroke the ball beyond goal-keeper Roy Tunk's right hand.

Twice in the second half, Tunks prevented Oxford from inflicting further damage with quality saves.

Wigan sent on substitute Les Bradd into the fray for the last 15 minutes as replacement for teenager David Lowe, and his arrival did spark off a late fight.

But O'Keefe, who made a quiet return after his lay-off, hammered Wigan's best chance over from 10 yards.

Colin Methven was inches off target with a glancing header, and in the dying seconds Oxford keeper John Butcher denied Athletic an equaliser with a punch out when under pressure from John Butler.

What you say...

HOME LEAGUE MATCHES

A. Sutherland, Skelmersdale

We didn't really get going, did we? If we'd have played as well as we did against Sheffield United we would have murdered them. As it was, I think Roy Tunks saved us from losing 4-0.

Paul Taylor, Ashton

I thought Oxford were a very good side. Every time we got the ball, two or three of their players were there to challenge. They reminded me very much of

Newport. I think both teams will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season.

Susan Ellison, Walkden

I've never been to Springfield Park before, but I came with a friend after seeing the Sheffield United game on the T.V. To be honest, I didn't recognise Wigan as the same team. They didn't seem to flow like they obviously can do. I think one or two of the youngsters showed their lack of experience at times, but that's

understandable and they certainly look as if they could be very good. Oxford were by far the better team on the day. But if the Latics can find their form, they'll do alright.

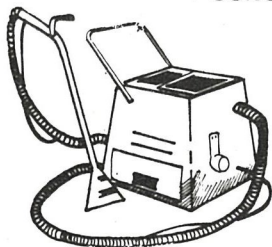
G. Williams, Aspull

Hopeless. What happens to them? They didn't seem to get started. They'll have to pull their fingers out if they're going to end up in the top half of the Third Division.

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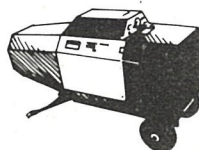
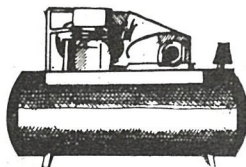
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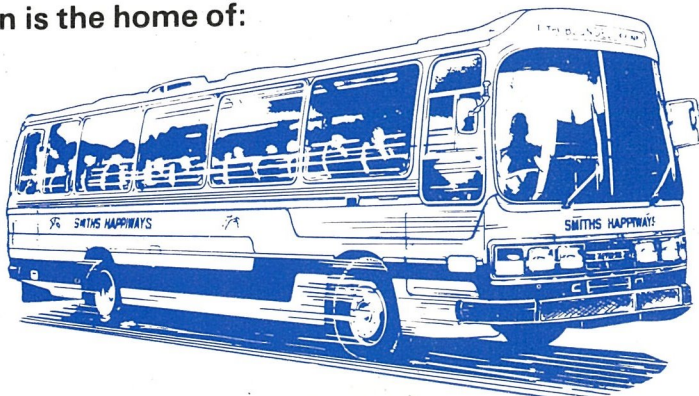
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organisation into the Third and Fourth Divisions in 1958. In 1960 Walsall became the Champions of Division Four and gained promotion to Division Two the following season when they finished runners-up in Division Three. Two seasons later Walsall were once again however members of Division Three and after having missed promotion to Division Two by only 4 points in 1978, the following year they dropped into Division Four. After leading the Division for most of the season they finished runners-up to Huddersfield Town and so once more

In Season 1988 in partnership of Buckley and George Johnson, Walsall and only manager Three status by win of the season at win forced Shet Fourth Division for history.

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1932/33 win over the might Arsenal by 2-0, three seasons earlier they drew Aston Villa in the 4th round of the F.A. Cup, the match taking place at Villa Park with Walsall's concurrence drawing a record attendance of 74,600 with Aston Villa winning 3-1. In recent years they have reached the 5th round twice, on one occasion in 1975 losing to Birmingham City at St. Andrews by the odd goal of 3, after beating Manchester United and Newcastle United and losing the other 5th round tie to Arsenal in 1978.

At the commencement of last season, Neil Martin, a former Youth Team Coach with the club when Dave Mackay was Manager, was appointed Joint Manager with Alan Buckley but midway through the season was appointed Manager.

Although occupying top of the table position at Christmas the Saddlers then went through a disastrous period and only managed to retain Division Three status when Newport County beat Swindon Town with a penalty goal in their last match. If Swindon had won the Saddlers and not Swindon Town would have been relegated.

At the end of the season although having 2 years remaining on his contract Neil Martin resigned as Manager and the Walsall Directors re-appointed Alan Buckley as Player Manager. Following his appointment Alan appointed former Birmingham City and West Bromwich Albion player Garry Pendrey as his right hand man and has signed Central Defenders Duncan Ross and Julian Marshall, Defender David Arthur and Striker Ollie Kearns.

RON GREEN — Goalkeeper. Signed from non-league club Alvechurch in 1977, after making only two appearances in Season 1978/79 missed only 6 matches in Walsall's promotion season from Division Four in 1979/80 and he has been first choice goalkeeper ever since and played in all Walsall's matches last season.

DAVID ARTHUR — Defender. Signed from West Bromwich Albion in August. Born in Wolverhampton. Regular member of Albion's Central League

Team. Made six Football League appearances last season.

KENNY MOWER — DEFENDER. Local product, former apprentice with the Club signing contract forms in November 1978. Has developed into a competent full-back and has made 111 League appearances.

KENNY BEECH — Midfield. Joined Walsall from Port Vale in August 1981 for £10,000. Under 18 England Youth trialist. Made 175 League appearances for Port Vale scoring 19 goals. Has made 38 appearances with Walsall scoring 2 goals.

PETER HART — Midfield or Back Four Player. Joined Walsall in August 1980 from Huddersfield Town for a fee of £65,000. Made 210 League appearances with Huddersfield Town and 90 with Walsall during his 2 seasons with them. Was voted Supporters 'Player of the Year' last season and gave consistent displays.

BRIAN CASWELL — Defender or Midfield. A former apprentice, is now commencing his 10th year as a Contract Player. Has made 294 appearances for Walsall playing in several positions.

DAVID PREECE — Midfield. Former apprentice, signed contract forms just after his 17th birthday in June 1980. Made his League debut in January 1981 and has made 14 appearances.

ALAN BUCKLEY. Holds the position of Player/Manager. Joined Walsall in 1973 from Nottingham Forest and scored 125 goals in 241 matches before joining Birmingham City in October 1978 for a record fee of £175,000. Scored 8 goals in 24 matches for City before returning to Walsall in July 1979 as Player Manager, Walsall repaying £175,000 for his transfer. In his first season as Player Manager he guided Walsall back into the 3rd Division following their relegation the previous season. Has made 355 League appearances and scored 159 goals, his overall League record being 401 League matches 167 goals.

OLLIE KEARNS — Striker. Previously with Reading. Signed from Oxford United in August. Has made 97 League appearances, scoring 44 goals.

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WELL, here it is, the news everyone who comes to the Coke and many other members have been waiting for! The name of the Star Guest for our January meeting, he's one of the most talented players in Britain today, having won every honour available to him. He has played at Wembley in more Cup Finals than most players can only dream about, played for his country many times, won European Cup winners medals. I could go on and on, but I'd better tell you his name. It is, of course, Nottingham Forest's Scottish International, John Robertson! John will be presenting the Coca Cola Awards on Thursday, January 6th or 13th. What a night that should be.

Don't forget tomorrow's Coaching School. It's another Junior Latics first. An opportunity for you have a days coaching from two of the North West top coaches on the finest playing surface available.

Finally tonight, I would like to thank some people on your behalf, ladies first, *Netball coaches*, Marie Brookfield and Carol Wood, *Under 12's Football*, Maureen and Geoff Gregory, *Under-13's* Peter Jackson and Keith Blundell, Billy Addison their coach, and Allan Mercer who is our Coke Coach, along with Billy and Ian Gillibrand.

Our committee, Margaret Wilkinson, Maureen and Brian Perry, Graham Lowe, Trevor Rudd, Les Bold and Paddy Boardman. Our Vice President Larry Lloyd for his fantastic support. Our club skipper Eamon O'Keefe and all the players, especially Kevin Sheldon, Kevin Langley, David Glenn, Graeme Hatton and Wayne Aspinall. Thanks lads!

Last, but not least, a personal thanks to Colin Burke for all his support over the past twelve months.

TONIGHT'S MASCOT

Our mascot for tonight is Christopher King. Chris is 9 and a half years old and attends Sacred Heart Primary School. His hobbies are soccer, reading and swimming, and his favourite football player is Larry Lloyd.

Have a nice night, Christopher.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

AFTER some emphatic F.A. Youth Cup wins over Irlam Town, Chadderton and Hartlepool United, our Youth team were finally knocked out of this prestigious competition by 4-0 at Burnley. Yet it was not as one-sided as the scoreline suggests. Even without Walsh, Shaw and Lowe, who were on first-team duty, our youngsters had a lot of the game and went close to scoring on several occasions. Our 15 year-old goalie though, had one of those matches which even Peter Shilton must have had when he was a lad. There is always a silver lining however, in Youth Team matches, and so youngsters such as 16 year-old striker Mark Schofield from Wigan, 17-year-old mid-fielder Gary Moss from Preston, and other lads gave further hope for the future.

Talking about lads for the future — Manager Larry Lloyd was delighted to sign two precocious members of the Wigan Boys Under 14's squad. Watch out, therefore, for Andrew Ainscough and Stephen Hunter and keep an eye open too for Warrington Boys lad, David Baines, and Liverpool Boys player Paul Beard.

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The report in last week's programme that Mark Wignall has joined Barrow is a little inaccurate. According to ex-Latics favourite Jeff Wright, Mark turned up for training once, but has never been seen since. "We've informed Interpol" quipped Jeff.

The following letter appeared in the Times a week ago:-

TAKING THE RAP

From the Bursar of Pembroke College, Oxford.

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Yours faithfully, J.H.C. Leach,

Well said, Mr. Bursar

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One of the Latics' best supporters, Julie Summerhill, has been selected as one of the "Shoot Magazine's" Football Fan of the Week. Amongst other excellent prizes, which include a pair of football boots and a silver rosette, young Julie has won an electric shaver(!) She will be presented with her awards on the pitch prior to the Lincoln game.

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Rumour has it that Neil David's is starting training again with a view to getting back into football. He had a lay-off since May to get his business off the ground. Forwards beware!

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Congratulations to Julie Summerhill for being chosen as Football Fan of the Week in "Shoot" magazine.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill of Worsley Mesnes on their wedding anniversary next week from your children and grandchildren.

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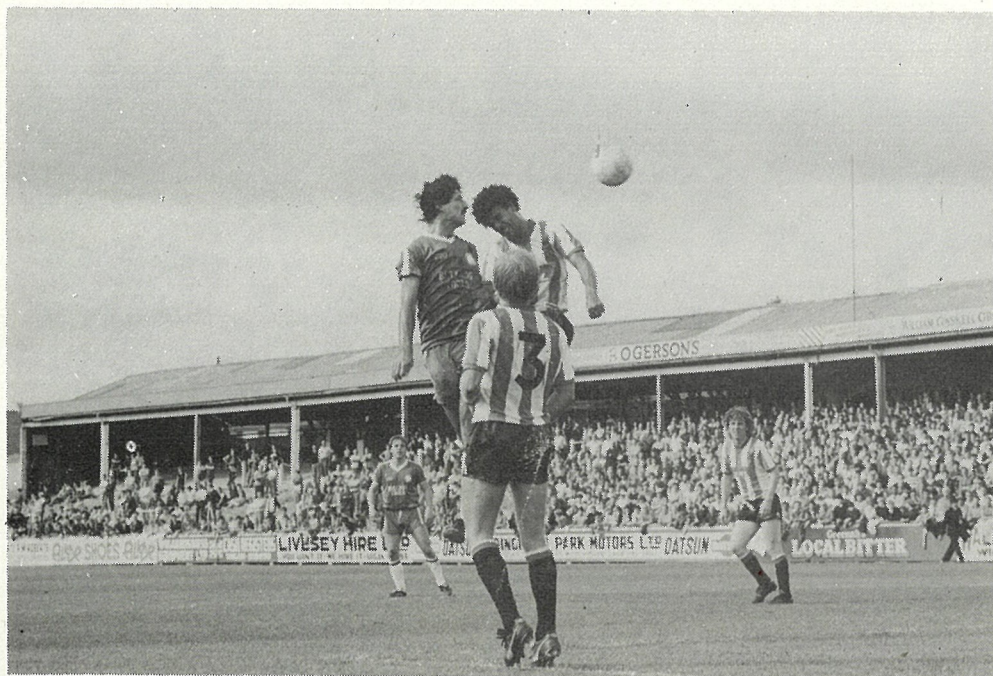
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Schoolboy of the year! Mark Shaw plays it cool against Sheffield United. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.



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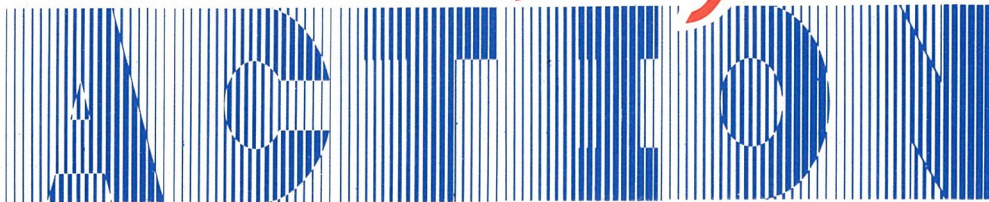
ON THE 28th November, 1966, Wigan Athletic suffered their last F.A. Cup defeat at Springfield Park. The visitors that day were Fourth Division Tranmere Rovers, and in the 56th minute, the 14,304 spectators saw the Rovers left-winger, Graham Williams score the only goal of the game. Little did the player or the crowd realise that one day his then three-year-old son Phillip would one day run up and down the same left wing, not against the Latics, but playing for them in the Third Division.

Phil Williams' father was obviously keen that his son should follow his footsteps into League Soccer and the lad was kicking a ball as soon as he could walk. His fathers hard work and encouragement paid off and, after playing for Wrexham Schoolboys, the young lad moved from his native Wales to Arsenal as an apprentice. It was whilst he was there that he experienced the best moment in his short career, representing the Wales-Under 18 side in a 2-0 victory over England at Portman Road.

His time with Arsenal was not, though, always so pleasant and he was delighted when Alan Ball (junior), who had moved from Highbury to take the manager's job at Blackpool, asked the young Welshman to Bloomfield Road. He did not need asking twice and it was at Blackpool that he played some of his best football. Unfortunately, he suffered a bad groin injury which kept him side-lined for some months and then, as he was getting back to fitness, Alan Ball left the managers job and Phil left soon after. A month playing for the Atlanta

Chiefs in America preceded his first full season as a professional, and that was with Crewe Alexandra. "I don't know how I pick them", he observes, "I should only have gone to Blackpool on holiday and to Crewe to change trains". At Gresty Road he was very much the one man in a one man attack. "When Williams played well", recalls one Crewe supporter, "the attack played well. When he didn't they were hopeless". He certainly played well in January, 1982 when it was only his work that threatened to prevent visiting Wigan Athletic from going top of the Fourth Division for the first time in their history. That night he caught the eye of Larry Lloyd and when his one year contract with the Cheshire side was up, the Latics snapped him up. Now, as a member of the first team squad, he is happier than he has ever been, a fact that he puts down to the club being a good all round set up, and to the great food he gets from his landlady, Alice Hoy. A lad of "simple tastes" (his words), he is especially proud of his prowess at snooker and recent victories over David Glenn and David Lowe were especially pleasing. His other hobbies are golf, which he plays badly, and soul music, which he plays loudly. But hobbies for him are just there to fill in the time when he is doing what he obviously loves best, playing football. And for the future, he has only one ambition. To become a consistently improving player and to earn his number 11 shirt for Wales, which he fleetingly borrowed when he was a youth.

Central League



WIGAN ATHLETIC 1 BARNSELY 0

Tuesday, 14th December, 1982.

THE local press declared before the game, "Eamon's Back!", and so he was, along with Les Bradd, Peter Houghton and Graham Barrow. In the away game against Barnsley the points were shared and for most of the match it looked as if we were in for a repeat of the 0-0 scoreline. In atrocious conditions which restricted what could have been a fine crowd to 220 die-hards, both sides battled away with plenty of tough tackling, cutting up the turf. Graham Barrow looked as if he had never been away, with his strong runs from defence causing Barnsley a lot of trouble. Eamon O'Keefe plays every game with the sole intention of winning and he too looked as sharp as ever.

Les Bradd's position at the centre of defence did not stop him getting in several excellent headers on goal which Pierce, the Barnsley goalkeeper, did well to stop. Indeed it was a night for fine goalkeeping, with trialist John Pengally in the Latics goal producing a string of excellent saves to match those of the professional at the other end. Our search for a good part-time goalkeeper may be over, with Pengally merely having to prove his ability to fend off aerial attacks, which were few and far between in this match.

The game was definitely one of periods, with Latics conceding the central twenty minutes of each half but coming back strongly in the final stages. Barnsley's right winger Alan Birch, a £90,000 signing from Wolverhampton Wanderers, showed his manager that his return to fitness is complete and, with his strong running and excellent passing and control made him Barnsley's man of the match.

The goal, when it came, was the result of excellent work by David Lowe who, on the edge of the box and with his back to the goal sent an instinctive ball into the path of David Glenn on the right of the area. The pass gave Glenn, now happily back in a Latics shirt, a clear run at goal and, with a maturity beyond his years, he hit a hard looping ball over the hands of the oncoming Pierce which struck the underside of the ball and went in. With Pierce in such good form all night, it was only exceptional work that was going to beat him and it was celebrations all round as David came up with the goods.

All in all, it was an excellent advert for Central League football and the rain soaked supporters who made their way home had certainly seen their commitment matched by the lads on the park, and watching manager Larry Lloyd was obviously pleased to see his injured stars come through unscathed.

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We would like to thank John Fillingham and his committee for the tremendous work, and as always on Junior Latics nights, the kids are very well behaved.

A tribute to the respect these kids have for John.

Going back to the Disco Party, it was great to see Larry Lloyd being asked by a very young girl to dance. Larry obliged and made the night for this young lass.

Enjoy tonight's game.

Call in for a pint after the game. Your club needs your continued support.

Chris Coffey, Chairman.

FACTS+FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982																
Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Langley
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1 2 leg)	H	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Butler	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Walsh
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Langley	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Rogers
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Rogers
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd ²	Houghton	Gemmill	Glenn
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2 1 leg)	H	1-1*	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H	4-0	4,704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe ³	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A	0-4	4,439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe†	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Williams
Oct. 23	Reading	A	1-2	2,621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Lowe	Methven	Lloyd†	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2 2nd leg)	A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe†	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H	0-1	4,108	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Lowe†	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A	1-2	2,399	Tunks	Langley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Lowe
Nov. 6	Orient	A	1-1	2,226	Tunks	Cribley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H	3-1	4,456	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Steel	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton ²	Gemmill	Sheldon
Nov. 21	TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st R)	H	0-0	4,805	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 23	Telford U (FA Cup 1st Rd Replay)	H	1-2	5,085	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A	2-0	3,952	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Shaw	Butler	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 4	SHFFIELD U.	H	3-2	5,015	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Shaw	Steel†	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Langley	Butler	Lowe†	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A														
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H														
1983																
Jan. 1	Preston NE	A														
Jan. 3	HUDDERSFIELD T	A														
Jan. 8	Brentford	A														
Jan. 15	LINCOLN CITY	H														
Jan. 22	Bradford City	A														
Jan. 29	DONCASTER R	H														

* Goal Scorer — Caton (own goal)

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

as at Sunday, 19th December, 1982

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln City	18	10	0	0	35	5	4	0	4	9	11	42
Bristol Rovers	20	9	1	1	32	6	2	3	4	13	14	37
Cardiff City	19	7	1	1	15	6	4	2	4	16	20	36
Newport County	19	7	3	0	20	8	3	2	4	12	13	35
Portsmouth	19	7	0	2	20	8	3	4	3	11	15	34
Huddersfield Town	19	7	3	0	26	6	2	3	4	8	12	33
Brentford	19	8	1	1	29	10	1	4	4	15	20	32
Plymouth Argyle	19	8	0	2	15	8	1	4	4	13	22	31
Oxford United	18	3	5	0	15	8	5	1	4	16	13	30
Southend United	19	6	1	2	20	10	3	1	6	12	17	29
Bradford City	18	6	3	0	22	12	2	2	5	9	15	29
Gillingham	19	5	1	3	13	8	3	1	6	9	12	26
WIGAN ATHLETIC	19	6	0	4	20	12	2	1	6	14	19	25
Exeter City	20	5	3	2	22	17	1	3	6	10	27	24
AFC Bournemouth	20	3	3	3	10	7	3	2	6	7	23	23
Wrexham	19	5	2	2	10	7	1	3	6	6	22	23
Reading	20	5	3	2	20	13	0	3	7	14	28	21
Sheffield United	18	4	2	3	12	9	1	3	5	7	15	20
Chesterfield	19	2	2	6	10	12	2	4	3	8	11	18
Orient	19	4	2	4	16	22	1	1	7	3	22	18
Preston North End	19	2	5	2	12	10	2	0	8	14	26	17
Doncaster Rovers	19	3	6	1	27	22	0	1	8	5	21	16
Millwall	19	3	5	1	14	12	0	2	8	8	22	16
Walsall	19	3	2	4	9	13	0	4	6	12	24	15

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD evening and a very warm welcome to the Directors, players and supporters of Walsall Football Club for this, our last game in 1982. It has certainly been an interesting and eventful year and, on behalf of everybody at Springfield Park a happy and successful New Year to all our supporters.

1982 will perhaps be remembered as the Year of the Professional Foul and I am delighted that F.I.F.A. have come down strongly against the use of "sending-off" as a penalty for the so-called professional foul. In my opinion, referees have been getting carried away with the new interpretation and the game has been turning into a farce. We have suffered under the rule at Chesterfield and Bristol and not only lost the services of essential defenders for the remainder of those games, but also for two future matches. I was amazed to read the comments of Clive Thomas ("Mr. Whistle") who stated that he would consider retiring if F.I.F.A. forced the F.A. to chance their attitude. Not long ago I read a statement by Mr. Thomas that crowds come to watch him. I find such thinking quite mind-boggling. Referees are employed to control the game in a level-headed and reasonable manner so that it can flow. Good referees will stand for a bit of physical contact and whilst I could

never condone foul play, football is a man's game and the less whistle we get in it the better. I would ask, Mr. Thomas, therefore, to always ensure that he applies common sense in his refereeing.

On the local scene, I am very pleased to see the launching of our new hamper scheme going so well. There is certainly a great deal of support for the Latics in the area and I am delighted to see that so many people have responded to our new fund raiser. We certainly need all the financial support we can get and it is a sad state of affairs that, once all the injured players have returned to fitness, we will have more staff than we can afford. Cuts will, unfortunately, have to be made if we are to get anywhere near to breaking even at the end of our financial year in April.

Enjoy the game and have a good time on Friday night.

Freddie Pye,
Chairman



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WIGAN ATHLETIC v. HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Alex Cribley
- 4 Eamon O'Keefe
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 David Glenn
- 8 Kevin Langley
- 9 John Butler
- 10 David Lowe
- 11 Jimmy Weston
- 12 To be announced

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. D. SHAW
(Sandbach)

Commenced refereeing in 1964, then graduated via the Crewe and District, Mid-Cheshire and Northern Premier Leagues to the Football League List. Refereed the Cheshire Youth, Saturday and Senior Cup Finals in 1976, 1977 and 1979. Was also in charge of a Northern Premier League Cup Final and an Anglo-Italian Competition tie. He lined a U.E.F.A. Cup match in 1976, an F.A. Cup Semi-Final in 1977, and the Charity Shield in 1978.

A married man with two daughters, he enjoys gardening, listening to music and wine making. Past Chairman of the Northern Premier Association of Referees and Linesmen.

Linesmen:

(Red Flag)
Mr. M.S. Dickman
(Parkgate, S. Wirral)

(Yellow Flag)
Mr. L.R. Dikes
(Mossley)

FOR YOUR RECORDS

H.T. SCORE:
F.T. SCORE:
ATTENDANCE:
SCORERS
LATICS:
VISITORS:
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WALSALL
(Red/Blue)

- 1 Ron Green
- 2 Mark Bates
- 3 Ken Mower
- 4 Ken Beech
- 5 Lee Sinnott
- 6 Peter Hart
- 7 Mark Rees
- 8 David Preece
- 9 Ollie Kearns
- 10 Alan Buckley
- 11 Brian Caswell
- 12 To be announced